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1. [REDACTED] the 36 Regiment, 12 Marine Division,¹ was transferred to Haifeng (N 22-58, E 115-20). The regiment, commanded by CH'EN Tzu-k'ai (7115/1311/7030), comprised three infantry battalions and an artillery battalion. Five companies in the infantry battalions were completely equipped with heavy weapons and small arms. The artillery battalion manned eight long-range coastal defense guns emplaced at Tienchien (N 22-44, E 115-30), Chelang (N 22-40, E 115-34), Shanwei (N 22-47, E 115-22), and Houmen (N 22-48, E 115-10).

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2. [REDACTED] CH'ENG Wen-kuang (4453/5502/0342), who was formerly known as CH'ENG Ts'an (4453/3605), commanded the 9 Marine Battalion at Swatow and was the head of a marine corps training school at Hsiao (N 24-24, E 113-04).

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3. [REDACTED] high Chinese Communist military authorities were placing special emphasis on amphibious units. Every marine regiment in the East China and the Central and South China Military Areas added a tank company, equipped with eight Soviet-made amphibious tanks and five landing craft [REDACTED]

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4. [redacted] 10,000 fishermen and young students were to be recruited for training at the Central and South China Naval Academy. 25X1

5. [redacted] Captain A. D. A-po-so-na-fen-k'o (7093/3134/4792/6719/5358/2688), a senior staff officer of the Soviet Far East Fleet and a Soviet adviser on the organization of amphibious units, was directing the organization and training of a marine corps of about 10,000 fishermen at Whampoa. This adviser who had been assigned to Whampoa [redacted] emphasized the tactical phases of island landings in the training program. The entire corps was to be issued modern equipment. 25X1
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1. [redacted] Comment. Other reports [redacted] have indicated that the Chinese Communists have only four to six marine divisions. A 12 Marine Division was reported by the Hong Kong Hsing Tao Jih Pao, 20 November 1952, as having been formed by the merger of "two columns of the Central and South China Navy Marines and the newly created South China Coastal Defense Corps." According to this newspaper report, the commander of the 36 Regiment was LU Tzu-k'ai. 25X1

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